

IN THE CLAIMS

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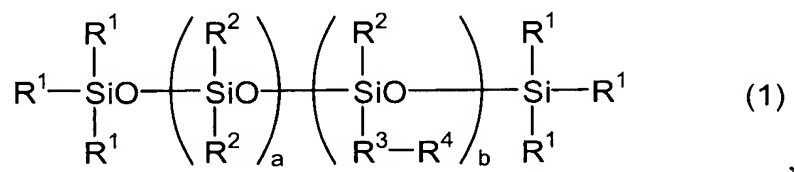
Claim 1. (Currently Amended): A hair detergent composition comprising the following components (a), (b) and (c):

(a) an anionic surfactant,

(b) a monoalkyl glyceryl ether having a C₄₋₁₂ alkyl group, a monoalkenyl glyceryl ether having a C₄₋₁₂ alkenyl group, or mixtures thereof, and

(c) a silicone derivative compound having a group ~~containing~~ comprising both a hydroxy group and a nitrogen atom as a side chain thereof bonded to a silicon atom,

wherein the silicone compound is represented by the following formula (1):

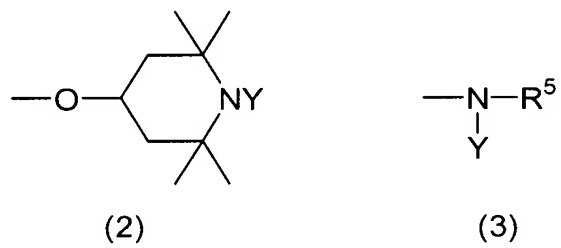


wherein, R¹ each independently represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group, a hydroxy group or an alkoxy group,

R² each independently represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group,

R³ each independently represents a divalent C₁₋₁₀ hydrocarbon group,

R⁴ each independently represents a group represented by the following formula (2) or (3):



wherein, Y each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a group: $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\text{R}^3-\text{OH}$, R^5 each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a group $-\text{R}^3\text{NY}_2$, and all the Ys do not represent a hydrogen atom simultaneously,

a stands for a number of from 25 to 1,000, and

b stands for a number of from 1 to 200.

Claim 2. (Currently Amended): The hair detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant as ~~Component (a)~~ is selected from the group consisting of sulfate-, sulfonate-, carboxylate-type, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended): The hair detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant as ~~Component (a)~~ is selected from the group consisting of $\text{RO}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n\text{SO}_3\text{M}$, $\text{R}'\text{OSO}_3\text{M}$, and mixtures thereof wherein, R represents a C_{10-18} alkyl or alkenyl group, R' represents a C_{10-18} alkyl group, M represents an alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkanolamine or basic amino acid, and n stands for a number of from 1 to 5 on weight average.

Claim 4. (Currently Amended): The hair detergent composition of Claim 1, wherein the component (b) is a mono alkyl glyceryl ether having a linear C_{4-10} alkyl group, a mono alkyl glyceryl ether having a branched C_{4-10} alkyl group, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended): The hair detergent composition of Claim 4, wherein the alkyl group is selected from the group consisting of n-butyl, isobutyl, n-pentyl, 2-

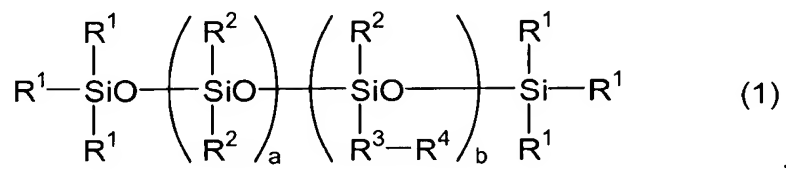
methylbutyl, isopentyl, n-hexyl, isohexyl, n-heptyl, n-octyl, 2-ethylhexyl, n-decyl and isodecyl groups.

Claim 6. (Cancelled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended): ~~[[The]]~~ A hair detergent composition comprising the following components (a), (b), and (c):

- (a) from 0.5% to 60 wt.% of an anionic surfactant,
- (b) from 0.1% to 30 wt.% of a monoalkyl glyceryl ether or monoalkenyl glycerol ether having a C₄₋₁₂ alkyl or alkenyl group, including mixtures thereof, and
- (c) from 0.05% to 4 wt.% of a silicone ~~derivative~~ compound having a group ~~containing~~ comprising both a hydroxy group and a nitrogen atom as a side chain thereof bonded to a silicon atom,

wherein the silicone compound is represented by the following formula (1):

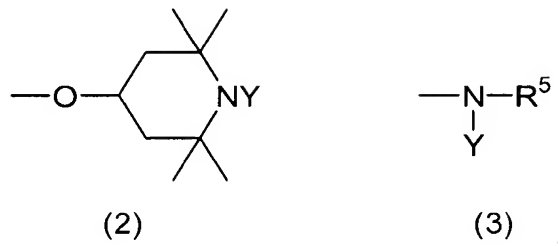


wherein, R¹ each independently represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group, a hydroxy group or an alkoxy group,

R² each independently represents a monovalent hydrocarbon group,

R³ each independently represents a divalent C₁₋₁₀ hydrocarbon group,

R⁴ each independently represents a group represented by the following formula (2) or (3):



wherein, Y each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a group: -CH₂CH(OH)-R³-OH, R⁵ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a group -R³NY₂, and all the Ys do not represent a hydrogen atom simultaneously,

a stands for a number of from 25 to 1,000, and

b stands for a number of from 1 to 200.

Claim 8. (Canceled)